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Special Funds for Tribal Special Plan Area

4397. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by the Government for allocating special funds to States for the development of Tribal Sub Plan area; and

(b) the assistance provided to the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The criteria for allocating special Central Assistance to States for development of Tribal Sub-Plan area are mainly population of Scheduled Tribes in the projects, their areas and relative backwardness of the States.

(b) The assistance provided to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in the Seventh Five Year Plan was Rs. 234.05 crores.

Gardens and Parks Under MCD

4398. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:

SHRI RAMSHRAY PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gardens and parks maintained by MCD and the number out of them in bad shape;

(b) how many times these gardens and parks were visited by the concerned senior officers during the last two months and the action taken by them for improper maintenance of these gardens and parks;

(c) the reasons for improper maintenance of the gardens and parks and the steps taken to improve their conditions;

(d) whether the road side trees are grown in haphazard manner which are later on subjected to felling due to road widening etc; and

(e) the steps taken to grow the trees in orderly and proper manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that out of a total of 7,293 gardens and parks, 3,000 parks could not be maintained upto the mark due to various reasons.

(b) According to MCD, these gardens and parks are regularly visited by the concerned officers and efforts are made to improve the condition of parks within the existing facilities.

(c) The main reasons for bad condition of these parks have been reported as under:—

(i) Use of parks for marriages, social, political and religious functions etc.

(ii) Non-availability of irrigation water.

(iii) Nuisance caused by stray cattle and pigs.

(iv) Digging by telephones, DESU and Delhi Water Supply & Sewage Disposal Undertakings.

(v) Some of the parks and tot-lots are so small that it is difficult to keep them green.

(vi) The non-co-operation of the residents.

(d) The MCD have stated that road side plantation is done after carefully assessing the future need of widening of the roads. However, the roads which were constructed many years ago had to be widened due to increase in traffic and the trees planted along such roads had to be cut in public interest.